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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8243

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DEPT PASS EPA FOR STRELOW

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OVIP, SENV, IR

SUBJ: VISIT OF EPA AIR EXPERTS ROGER STRELOW AND JOEL HOROWITZ

REF: STATE 177892

1. UNABLE TO CONTACT OFFICE OF ISKANDAR FIROUZ TO CONFIRM RESERVATIONS OWING TO IRANIAN WEEKEND BUT WILL DO SO ASAP. EMBASSY NOTES THAT WIVES OF STRELOW AND HOROWITZ WILL ACCOMPANY AND THAT DR. DONALD I. OAKLEY MAY YET JOIN THE GROUP.

2. RE DATA REQUESTED IN PARA 2 REFTTEL, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT SUCH INFORMATION IS INDEED NEEDED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAM TO ATTACK THE SERIOUS AIR POLLUTION PROBLEM OF TEHRAN. SOME INKLI

Y, GENERAL DATA ARE BEING AIRPOUCHED TO MSSRS. STRELOW AND HOROWITZ TODAY, BUT COLLECTION OF MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION MUST OF NECESSITY AWAIT VISIT OF EXPERTS. ON THE WHOLE, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT AIR QUALITY DATA NEEDED(WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF OZONE) IS AVAILABLE BUT ONLY FOR LAST YEAR OR SO. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE MATERIALS AND ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER OF ARYAMEHR UNIVERSITY HAS MOST ADVANCED PROGRAM IN THIS SPHERE, BUT THE NATIONAL IRANIAN OIL COMPANY LABORATORY IN NEARBY REY, THE TEHRAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE HAVE ALSO COLLECTED DATA AND DONE STUDIES, SOME OF WHICH ARE BEING FORWARDED AS STATED ABOVE.

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FOR AUTOMOBILE AND GENERAL TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION WE

BELIEVE THE EXPERTS WILL HAVE TO CONSULT SOURCES IN THE  
TEHRAN MUNICIPALITY, INCLUDING CONSULTING CITY PLANNING  
FIRMS.

3. THE MODALITIES AND CONDITIONS OF A POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN EPA AND THE IRANIAN DEPARTMENT OF THE EN-  
VIRONMENT CAN AND SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH APPROPRIATE  
OFFICERS OF THE EMBASSY. WE AGREE WITH PARA 5 OF REFTEL THAT  
ANY SUCH AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD  
BE AT IRANIAN EXPENSE.  
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